GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REST HOURS FOR PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to increase the rest hours for airlines pilot;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether such increase in rest hours would create demand of additional pilots;

(d) if so, whether the Government has devised any ways and means to meet the shortage of pilots arising therefrom; and

(e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) and (b):- Yes, Sir. The minimum daily rest hours for pilots have been increased marginally from 8 to 10 hours for domestic and neighbouring country operations.

(c),(d)&(e):- No, Sir. With this marginal increase in the rest hours no increase in the demand of pilots is anticipated.